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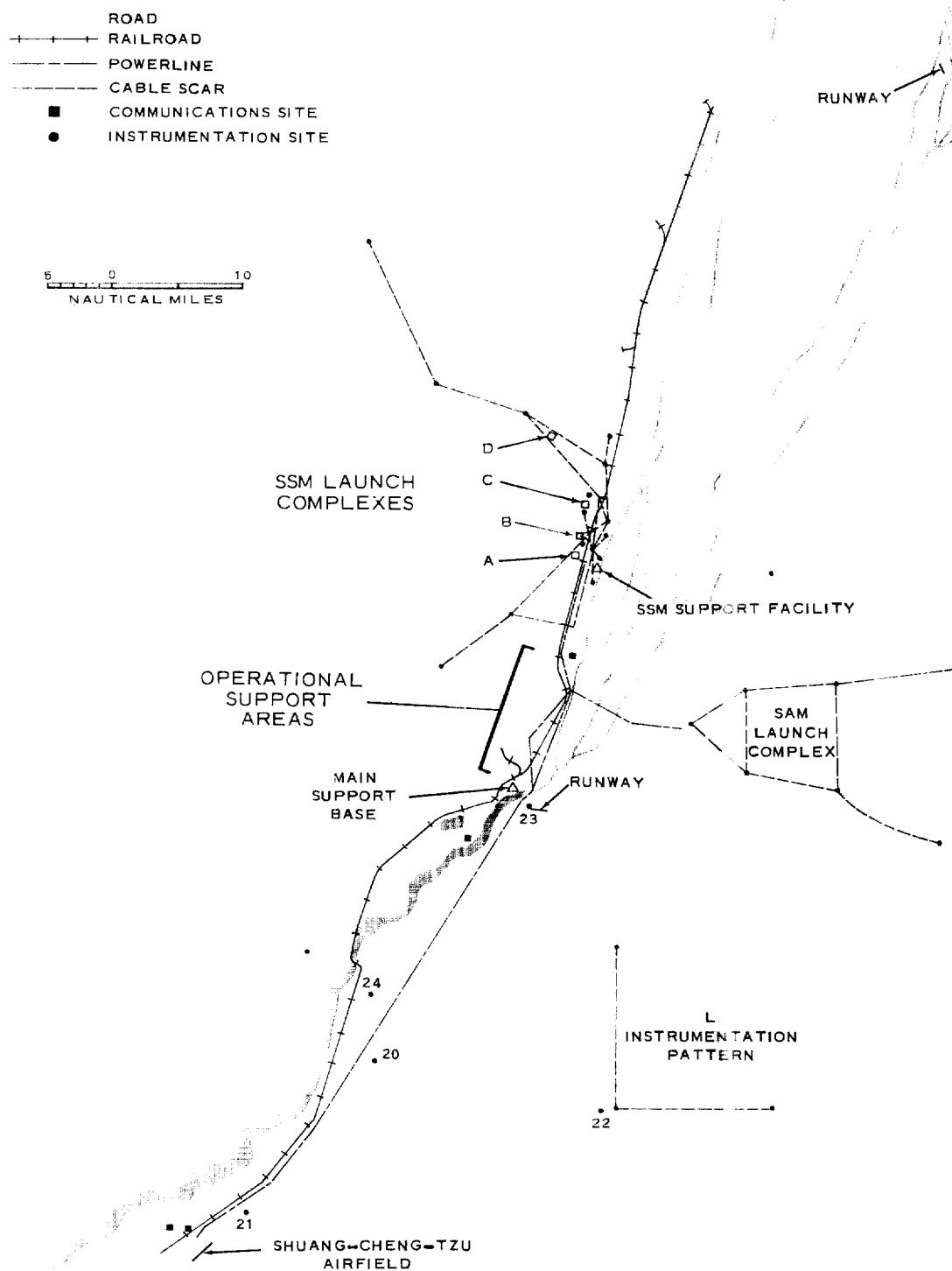


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF NEW TRACKING FACILITIES, SHUANG-CHENG-TZU MISSILE TEST CENTER, CHINA.

CHINAFive New Tracking Facilities at Shuang-cheng-tzu

Five new tracking facilities have been constructed at the Shuang-cheng-tzu Missile Test Center since [REDACTED]. The specific role of these facilities at the test center is not clear, but their locations and construction timing indicate that they are associated with the space or ballistic missile programs. They have an unobstructed view of the SSM test facilities and their construction timing is similar to that of large new Launch Pad B-2, which is nearing completion and is believed to be for space launch systems.

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The new facilities, designated SSM Tracking Facilities 20 through 24, are located in the desert between the Main Support Base and the Shuang-cheng-tzu Airfield (see Figure 1). Satellite photography of [REDACTED] shows that Facility 20 contains an optical tracking device and a hardstand for mobile tracking equipment. Each of the other four new facilities contains two masonry towers and a tracking building with one or more environmental domes, or bases for domes, which could house either optical or electronic tracking equipment. The function of the towers is not known, but a similarly configured tower at Tracking Facility 18 has two microwave dishes. Facility 24, the largest and most elaborate of the new facilities, may be the control center for the other four.

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